Assessment of oil reserves

†75. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exploration of oil from many new oil wells has begun in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the location and the number of such wells and assessment of total oil reserves in the same; and

(c) the average annual oil being explored at present from these wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Exploration for hydrocarbons is an on-going dynamic process and involves a number of steps like identifying well locations based on geological and geophysical surveys, exploratory drilling, reserve assessment and development of the field. During last three years, i.e, from 2000-01 to 2002-03, National Oil Companies (NOCs), viz., Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and private/Joint Venture Companies, have drilled 526 exploratory wells in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu as also East Coast & West Coast Offshore. During last three years, in-place Oil + Oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) reserves established by ONGC, OIL & Pvt. JV Companies are 690.46 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT). As exploration and results are probabilistic in nature, average annual oil explored/accreted over a period of time cannot be specified.

Adulteration of Petrol and Kerosene in Delhi

76. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of petrol pump owners and kerosene dealers even in the Capital are indulging in the irregularities including adulteration and if so, the number of dealers who have been punished during the last two years for this act; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.